



# Picture-Assisted Reading

## Life Skills Curriculum with

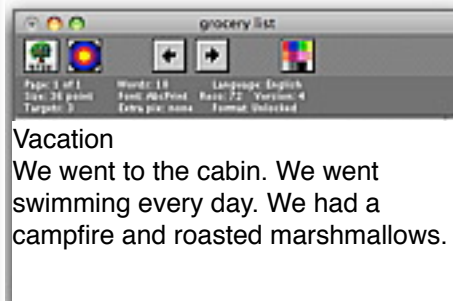
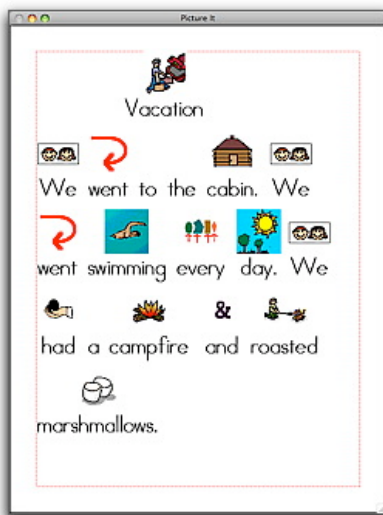
### Picture It

Students in a Life Skills curriculum may need the following **Picture It** support materials in all areas:

- ☒ Communication: boards, PECS, scripts
- ☒ Routines: social stories, behavior plans
- ☒ Directions: task steps, recipes
- ☒ Organizational: Schedules, checklists
- ☒ Environmental: labels, signs, reminders
- ☒ Participation: lessons, newsletters, forms

**NOTE: All examples shown are Macintosh. Follow the same steps on Windows.**

### Picture It: Lessons, Stories, Social Stories, Scripts, Directions, Recipes



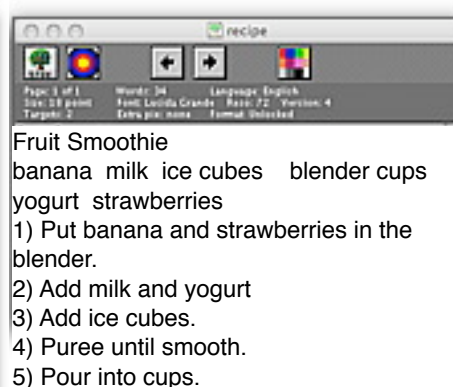
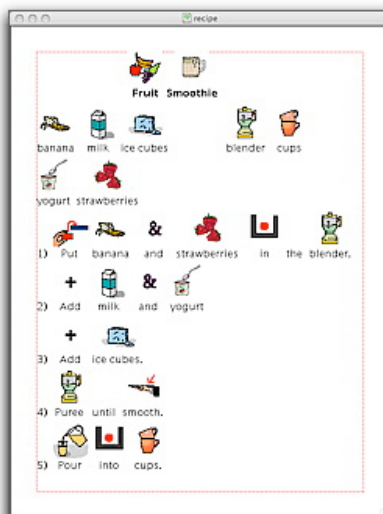
#### Stories, Social Stories, Lessons, Scripts

Enter in Story Text Window:

1. Enter: Title [Return/Enter]
2. Enter: the words to the story, lesson, social story or script.
3. Click Tree Button to Get Pictures.
4. Target any words/pictures.
5. Select title and drag to center it.

#### Recipes

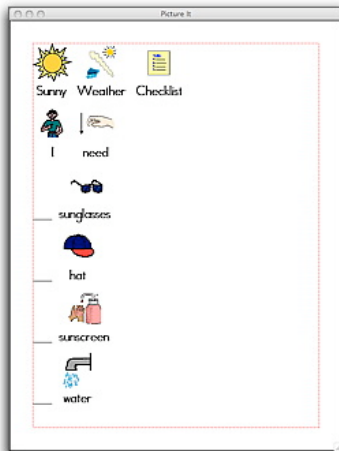
1. Enter: Title [Return/Enter]
2. Enter: Ingredient [2 spaces] ingredient
3. Enter: #. or {#.} or #) and the step.
4. Click Tree button to Get Pictures.
5. Target any words/pictures.
6. Click and drag items to line up, if needed.
7. Select title. Drag to center.
8. Select title words; make Bold.



#### Directions

1. Same as Recipe above without ingredients.
2. Use #. or {#.} or #) for each step.

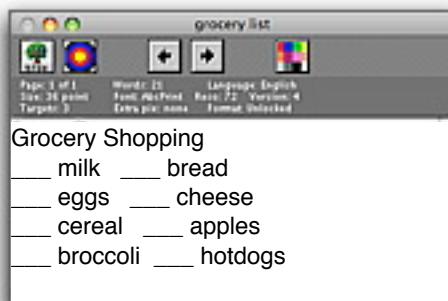
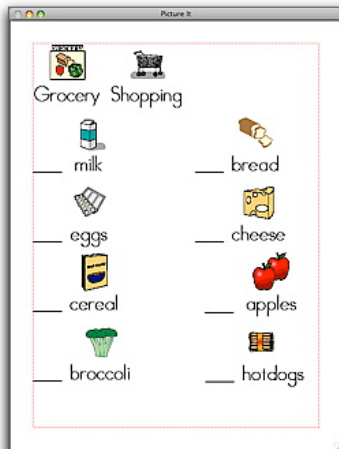
## Picture It: Checklists, Schedules, Behavior Plans



### Checklist One Column

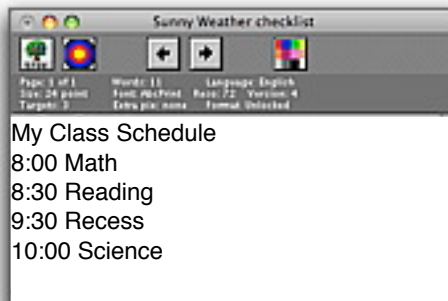
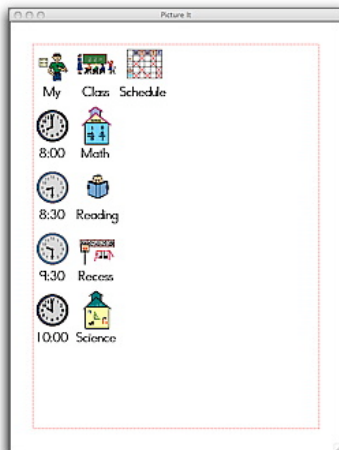
Enter in Story Text Window:

1. Enter: Title [Return/Enter]
2. Enter: I need [Return/Enter]
3. Enter: 3 underscores [space] item [Return/Enter]
4. Repeat for each item.
5. Click Tree Button to Get Pictures.
6. Target any words/pictures.
7. Adjust font options.
8. Select Female/Male in Options Menu.



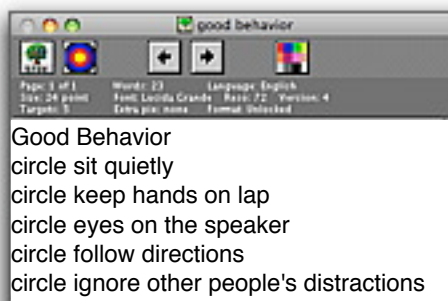
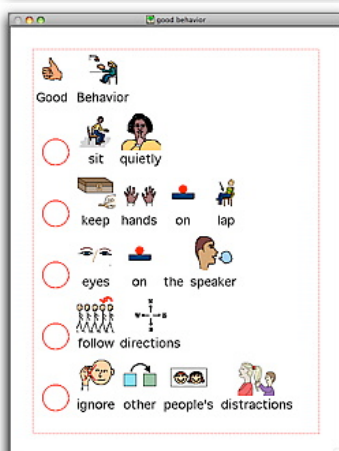
### Checklist 2 Columns

1. Enter: Title [Return/Enter]
2. Enter: 3 underscores [space] item [2 or 3 spaces] 3 underscores [space] item
3. Repeat for each item
4. Click Tree Button to Get Pictures.
5. Target any words/pictures.
6. Click and drag items to line up, if needed.



### Schedules with Clocks

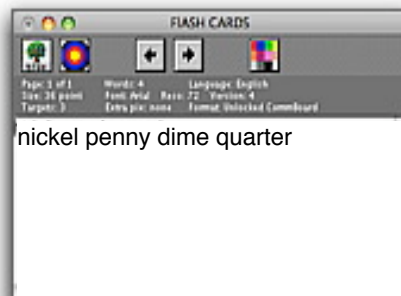
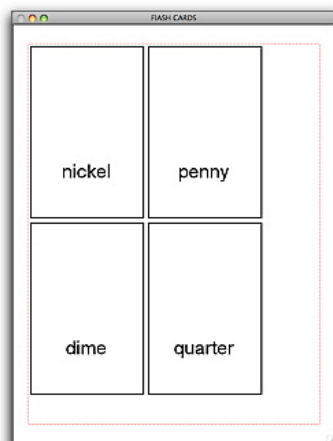
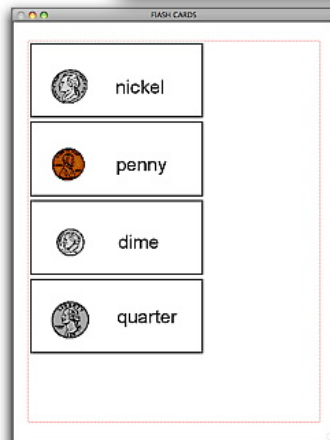
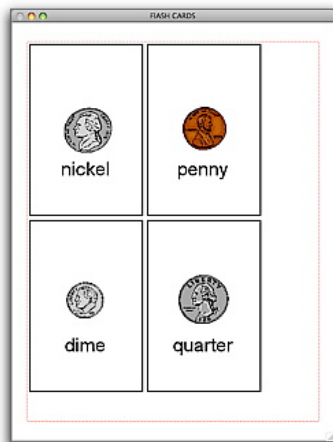
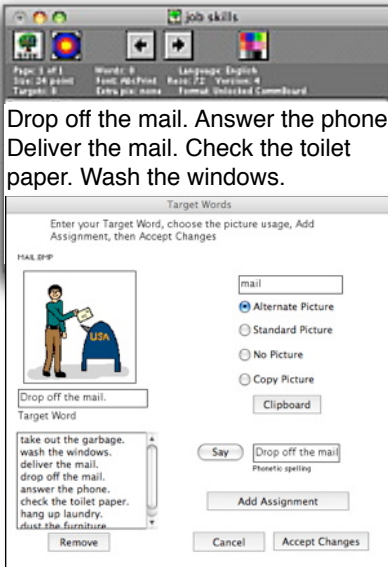
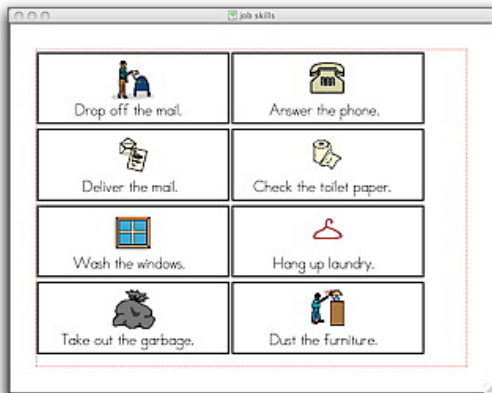
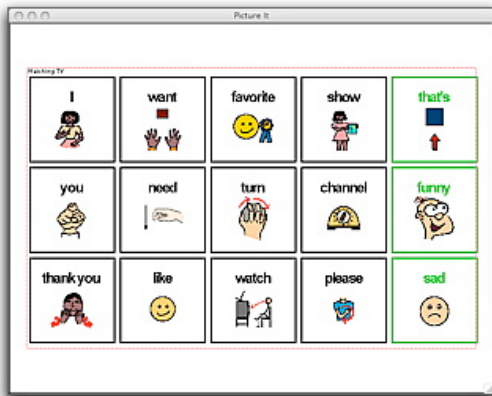
1. Enter: Title [Return/Enter]
  2. Enter: time (e.g. 8:00) [space] item
  3. Repeat for each item.
  4. Click Tree Button to Get Pictures.
  5. Target any words/pictures.
- (Note Picture It 4.2 has clocks for every hour and half hour.)*



### Checklist with Circles

1. Enter: Title [Return/Enter]
  2. Enter: circle [space] behavior
  3. Repeat for each behavior
  4. Click Tree Button to Get Pictures.
  5. Target any words/pictures.
  6. Delete each word "circle".
  7. Select then drag 'circles' into place.
- Variation: use "square" instead of "circle".

### Picture It: Communication Boards, PECS, Flash Cards, Game Cards, Labels



## Communication Boards, PECS

1. File menu: Page Setup - select landscape view.
2. Options menu: Page Margins - Left/Right = 4; Top/Bottom = 10
3. Enter: words you want in the top row.
4. Repeat for each row.
5. Options Menu: CommBoard Format.
6. Enter Sizes: example Horizontal = 19; Vertical = 19; Space around cells = 2. Click OK.
7. Click Tree Button to Get Pictures.
8. Graphics Menu: Select Graphics Below Text.
9. Optional: Drag a selection box around the last row of boxes then click a color in the palette.

## Sentence Cards

1. Click Target Button.
2. Enter sentence (up to 23 characters). Include period.\*  
\* *No space after punctuation.*
3. Enter Alternate image name.
4. Click Add Assignment/Add Entry.
5. Click Accept Changes.
6. Enter Sentences in Story Text.

## Flash Cards

1. File menu: Page Setup - select portrait view.
2. Adjust Margins if needed.
3. Enter: desired words.
4. Options Menu: CommBoard Format.
5. Enter Sizes: Horizontal 30; Vertical 45 for tall cards; Horizontal 45; Vertical 25 for long cards. Click Done.
6. Graphics Menu: Above Text
8. Long Cards: drag picture to one side and word to the other side.

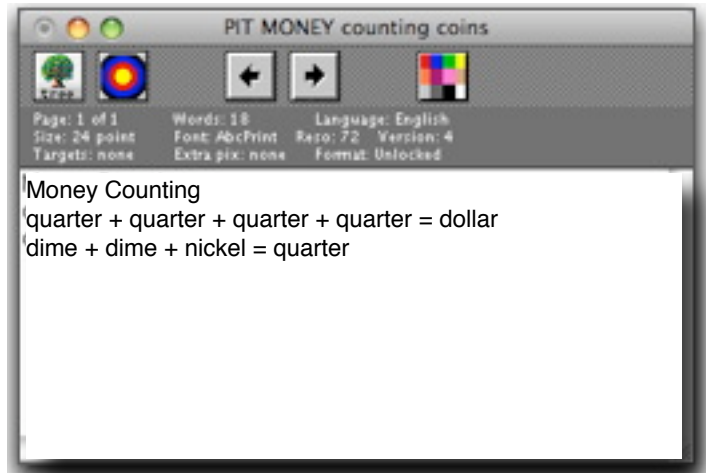
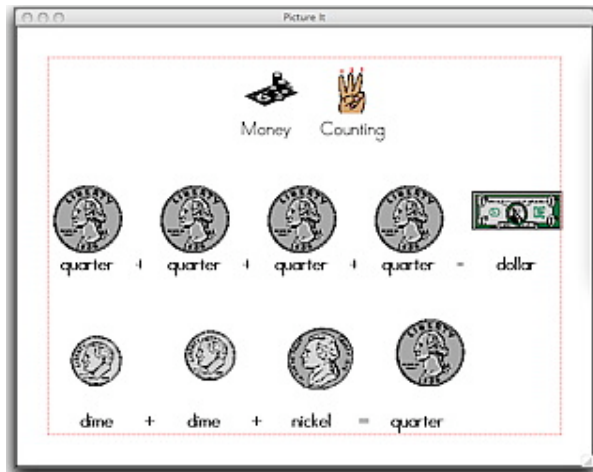
## Word Cards

Same as above.

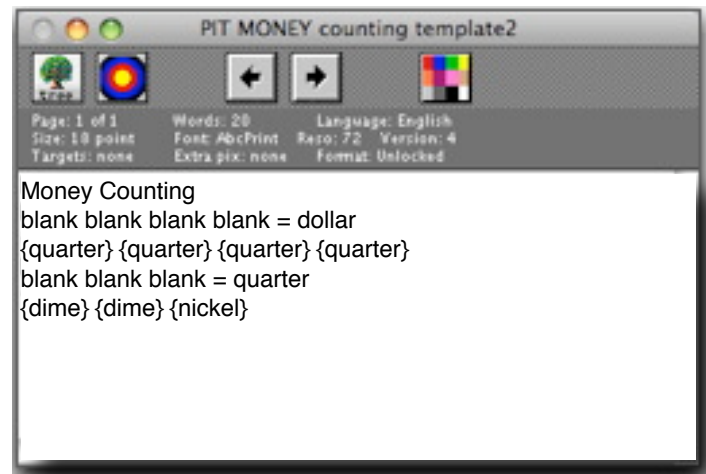
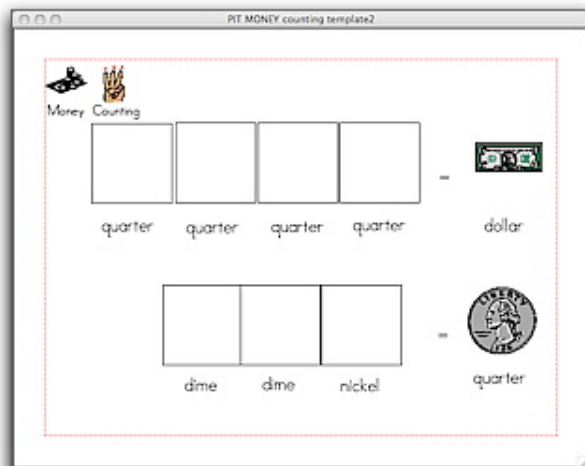
### Graphics Menu - No Graphics

## Picture It: Work Templates, Forms, Worksheets

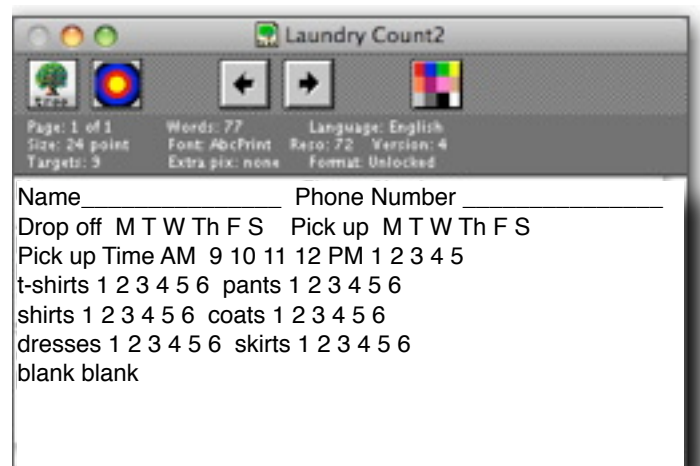
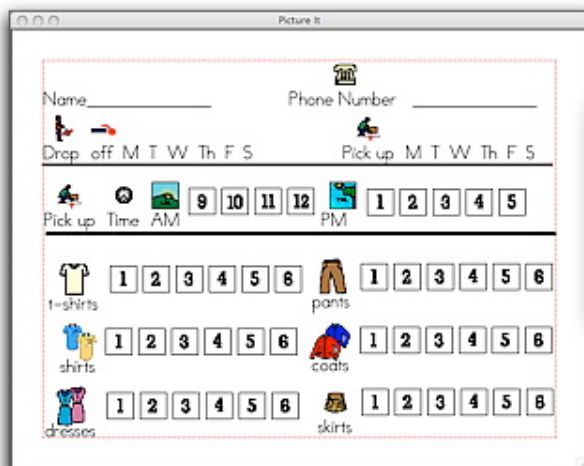
Money Counting with Pictures - Font 24 Bold; Select coins then select Huge in Graphics menu.



Money Counting Template - Story Text: Put { } around each quarter, dime, nickel word for no picture. Click the space above the word 'blank' select Thin Border in Graphics menu. Delete the word 'blank'.



Laundry Counting Form - Turn on Grid in Options menu for visual guide marks. Select Thin Border in Graphics menu. Delete words 'blank.' Move a blank square between rows. Click the 'blank' border then drag and flatten to make a line. Delete the numbers below the pictures of numbers. Click images and select No Border in Graphics menu.





## Picture It: Newsletters, Email

It is quite easy to make your own picture-assisted newsletter from the daily news. You can write your own news or copy a news story from the internet.

- ☒ Copy electronic text.
- ☒ Paste into Microsoft Word.
- ☒ AutoSummarize.
- ☒ Copy Summary.
- ☒ Paste into Picture It Story Text Window. Edit or re-write as needed.
- ☒ Click the Picture Button to Parse the Text.
- ☒ Target any desired words.
- ☒ Copy contents of Picture It page and paste into Newsletter format in Word, publishing program or email.

